

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

AGM 1 September 2025

Member Group Name:	BCS Health & Care Scotland
Year:	2024-2025
Report Completed By:	Dr Katie MacLure

Group Chair:	Dr Katie MacLure
Group Treasurer:	Sharon Levy
Group Secretary:	KM covering
Social media	KM covering
Group Inclusion Officer:	Dr Heather Strachan
Early Careers Officer	
Other Committee Members:	Marina Copping

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. Contributed to DigiFest2024/25 by sponsoring and running the Poster sessions.	This event will be organised by DHI and a decision has been made not to have a poster session.
2. Continued with the Derek Hoy Memorial Lecture.	SL and HS organised and ran this event which was once again attended by a very appreciative Mrs Christine Hoy.
3. Ran online events, talks and Journal Clubs, covering a wide range of health and care professional activities with speakers from across the world.	We are no longer a functioning committee with few members and low event participation.

Plans – If we continue as a specialist group:

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Continue the Derek Hoy Memorial Lecture	Attracting strong, highly recognised speakers. Organised by SL and HS.
2. Deliver a wide range of talks to our membership to help build networking and involvement	These have been poorly attended, often in single figures. It does raise the question whether to continue if the membership is not interested.
3. Continue to contribute to related BCS Groups	This includes the BCS Faculty of Health & Care meetings.

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Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. Committee meetings have been poorly attended impacting our ability to take decisions and plan for future meetings.	We have only had KM, SL and HS attend the few meetings and events in 2024-2025. MC recently re-joined the committee.
2. Organisation of events has been led by KM, SL and HS (DHML).	Both have established networks and find no difficulty in arranging events with excellent speakers. HS was instrumental in organising the DHML. Events should be a committee wide activity to ensure inclusion.

Past & Future events		
Health and Care Scotland specialist group: Past events BCS		
https://informatics.bmj.com/pages/journal-club		

Further Comments